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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following:

[0016] The example vehicle bodywork component according to Figure 1 comprises two pieces 1 and 32 which are made from a suitable synthetic sheet, which in one example is colored in the melt and so does not need to be painted. A PU foam layer 3 is applied to the back of the pieces 1 and 2. Provided at the point of abutment between the ~~planar regions piccs~~ 1 and 2 are inwardly directed (i.e., toward a vehicle interior when the component is mounted in place on a vehicle) bent edges 4 which are laid together without a gap between them. In order to completely eliminate the possibility that any foamed synthetic material of the foam layer 3 should pass through the point of abutment during the foaming procedure in the mold, a sealing profiled strip 5, which is approximately U-shaped in cross-section may be placed on the bent edges 4, as is apparent from Figure 1a. Such a strip 5 is applied before foaming and becomes completely hidden within the foam layer 3.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following:

[0017] In the example embodiment according to Figure 2, a trim or cover strip 6, which is approximately T-shaped in cross-section and is made from metal or a synthetic material, provides sealing between the two pieces 1' and 2'. A web 7 of the trim or cover strip 6 separates the two pieces 1', 2' from one another and projects inwards so that it is partly enclosed in the foam layer 3', as a result of which the trim or cover strip 6 is secured to the bodywork component. The flange 8 of the strip 6 abuts against both pieces 1', 2' from the outside. In order to anchor the web 7 better in the foam layer 3', the web

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may be provided with a surface roughening or profiling in the form of fluting or the like, in its region surrounded by foam.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following:

[0018] The example embodiment illustrated in Figure 3 is a combination of the example embodiments shown in Figures 1 and 2. In this case, the bent edges 4 of the pieces 1" and 2" of the outer layer do not abut directly against one another, but abut snugly against the web 7 of the trim or cover strip 6. The web 7 projects inwards beyond the bent edges 4 and is partly enclosed in the foam layer 3" for the purpose of securing the strip 6, in the manner already described.